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#### I. THE PROPOSED CLASSES

For purposes of the Economic Loss Bellwether trial and initial class motions, the Economic Loss Plaintiffs identify the proposed Classes set forth below. Discovery is ongoing and may reveal the need to alter the Class definitions. Therefore, Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend the definitions at the time of moving for class certification to conform to facts adduced during the course of discovery.

#### A. The Proposed Bellwether Consumer Class and Subclasses

The Economic Loss Plaintiffs identify the following proposed Bellwether Consumer Class:

All persons or entities who both resided in, and purchased or leased in, the states of California, Florida or New York a Toyota vehicle manufactured, designed or sold with ETCS.<sup>1</sup>

Excluded from the Proposed Bellwether Consumer Class are Defendants, their employees, co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons. Also excluded are any individuals claiming damages from personal injuries or wrongful death arising from an SUA incident.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Toyota vehicles at issue are identified in Appendix A hereto.

1	The applicable legal claims for the Proposed Bellwether Consumer Class are as
2	follows:
3	<ul> <li>Violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), CAL. CIV.</li> </ul>
4	CODE § 1750, et seq.
5	<ul> <li>Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, CAL. Bus. &amp; Prof.</li> </ul>
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7	Code § 17200, et seq.
8	<ul> <li>Violation of the California False Advertising Law, CAL. Bus. &amp; Prof.</li> </ul>
9	Code § 17500, et seq.
10	Breach of Express Warranty in violation of CAL. COM. CODE § 2313.
11	Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability in violation of CAL. COM.
12 13	Code § 2314.
14	Breach of Contract/Common Law Warranty.
15	Fraud by Concealment.
16	Violation of the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act for Breach of
17	Express Warranties (CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1793.2(D) & 1791.2) (only for
18 19	class members who resided and purchased/leased in California).
20	Violation of the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act for Breach of
21	Implied Warranty of Merchantability (CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1792 &
22	1791.1) (only for class members who resided and purchased/leased in
23	California).
24	<ul> <li>Violation of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (15 U.S.C. § 2301, et seq.).</li> </ul>
25	violation of Magnason Moss Wallanty Net (15 0.5.0. § 2501, 6 seq.).
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The Economic Loss Plaintiffs also identify the following proposed Bellwether Consumer Subclasses (the applicable legal claim for each Subclass is violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, CAL. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.):

#### 1. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass

All persons or entities who, from January 17, 2008 to January 27, 2010, resided in and purchased or leased in the states of California, Florida or New York the following models and model years: 2007-10MY Tundra; 2008-10MY Sequoia; 2005-10MY Avalon; 2007-10MY Camry; 2009MY Camry HV; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Matrix; 2009-10MY RAV4; and 2010MY Highlander.

#### 2. The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass

All persons or entities who, from December 15, 2005 to October 5, 2009, resided in and purchased or leased in the states of California, Florida or New York the following models and model years: 2007-11MY Camry; 2005-10MY Avalon; 2004-09MY Prius; 2005-10MY Tacoma; 2007-10MY Tundra; 2007-10MY Lexus ES350; 2006-10MY Lexus IS250/350; 2008-10MY Highlander; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Venza; and 2009-10MY Corolla Matrix.

## **B.** The Proposed Alternative Bellwether Consumer Classes

In the event that the Court chooses not to certify a single Class of California, Florida and New York residents and purchasers/lessees alleging the application of California law, the Economic Loss Plaintiffs identify the following three Proposed Bellwether Consumer Classes and associated Subclasses in the alternative:

# 1. The Proposed Bellwether California Consumer Class All persons or entities who both resided in, and purchased or leased in, the State of California a Toyota vehicle manufactured, designed or sold with ETCS.<sup>2</sup>

Excluded from the Proposed Bellwether California Consumer Class are

Defendants, their employees, co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal
representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or
affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and
their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and
all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons. Also
excluded are any individuals claiming damages from personal injuries or wrongful
death arising from an SUA incident.

The applicable legal claims for the Proposed Bellwether California Consumer Class are as follows:

Violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), CAL. CIV.
 CODE § 1750, et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Toyota vehicles at issue are identified in Appendix A hereto.

1	2007-10MY Tundra; 2008-10MY Sequoia; 2005-10MY		
2	Avalon; 2007-10MY Camry; 2009MY Camry HV; 2009-		
3	10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Matrix; 2009-10MY RAV4;		
4	and 2010MY Highlander.		
5	b. The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass		
6 7	All persons or entities who, from December 15, 2005 to		
8	October 5, 2009, resided in and purchased or leased in the		
9	State of California the following models and model years:		
10	2007-11MY Camry; 2005-10MY Avalon; 2004-09MY		
11	Prius; 2005-10MY Tacoma; 2007-10MY Tundra; 2007-		
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13	10MY Lexus ES350; 2006-10MY Lexus IS250/350; 2008-		
14	10MY Highlander; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY		
15	Venza; and 2009-10MY Corolla Matrix.		
16	2. The Proposed Bellwether Florida Consumer Class		
17	All persons or entities who both resided in, and purchased		
18	or leased in, the State of Florida a Toyota vehicle		
19 20	manufactured, designed or sold with ETCS. <sup>3</sup>		
21	Excluded from the Proposed Bellwether Florida Consumer Class are		
22	Defendants, their employees, co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal		
23	representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or		
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25	affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and		
26	The Toyota vehicles at issue are identified in Appendix A hereto.		
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their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons. Also excluded are any individuals claiming damages from personal injuries or wrongful death arising from an SUA incident.

The applicable legal claims for the Proposed Bellwether Florida Consumer Class are as follows:

- Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, FLA.
   STAT. § 501.201, et seq.
- Breach of Express Warranty in violation of FLA. STAT. § 672.313.
- Breach of the Implied Warranty of Merchantability in violation of FLA.
   STAT. § 672.314.
- Breach of Contract/Common Law Warranty.
- Fraud by Concealment.
- Violation of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (15 U.S.C. § 2301, et seq.).

The Economic Loss Plaintiffs also identify the following proposed Bellwether Florida Consumer Subclasses (the applicable legal claim for each Subclass is violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, FLA. STAT. § 501.201, *et seq.*):

## a. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass

All persons or entities who, from January 17, 2008 to January 27, 2010, resided in and purchased or leased in the State of Florida the following models and model years: 2007-10MY Tundra; 2008-10MY Sequoia; 2005-10MY

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Avalon; 2007-10MY Camry; 2009MY Camry HV; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Matrix; 2009-10MY RAV4; and 2010MY Highlander.

#### b. The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass

All persons or entities who, from December 15, 2005 to October 5, 2009, resided in and purchased or leased in the State of Florida the following models and model years: 2007-11MY Camry; 2005-10MY Avalon; 2004-09MY Prius; 2005-10MY Tacoma; 2007-10MY Tundra; 2007-10MY Lexus ES350; 2006-10MY Lexus IS250/350; 2008-10MY Highlander; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Venza; and 2009-10MY Corolla Matrix.

# 3. The Proposed Bellwether New York Consumer Class

All persons or entities who both resided in, and purchased or leased in, the State of New York a Toyota vehicle manufactured, designed or sold with ETCS.<sup>4</sup>

Excluded from the Proposed Bellwether New York Consumer Class are

Defendants, their employees, co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal
representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or
affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and
their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Toyota vehicles at issue are identified in Appendix A hereto.

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all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons. Also excluded are any individuals claiming damages from personal injuries or wrongful death arising from an SUA incident.

The applicable legal claims for the Proposed Bellwether New York Consumer Class are as follows:

- Deceptive Acts or Practices in violation of N.Y. GEN. Bus. LAW § 349.
- False Advertising in violation of N.Y. GEN. Bus. LAW § 350.
- Breach of Express Warranty in violation of N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-313.
- Breach of the Implied Warranty of Merchantability in violation of N.Y.
   U.C.C. § 2-314.
- Breach of Contract/Common Law Warranty.
- Violation of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (15 U.S.C. § 2301, et seq.).

# **C.** The Proposed Bellwether Commercial Economic Loss Class

The Economic Loss Plaintiffs identify the following proposed Bellwether Commercial Economic Loss Class:

All individuals or entities that both resided in, and purchased or leased in, the State of California a Toyota vehicle with ETCS and were engaged in the business of vehicle sales or rentals for those vehicles.<sup>5</sup>

Excluded from the Proposed Bellwether Commercial Economic Loss Class are Defendants, their employees, co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Toyota vehicles at issue are identified in Appendix A hereto.

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representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons.

The applicable legal claims for the Proposed Bellwether Commercial Economic Loss Class are as follows:

- Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, CAL. Bus. & PROF.
   CODE § 17200, et seq.
- Violation of the California False Advertising Law, CAL. Bus. & Prof.
   Code § 17500, et seq.
- Breach of Express Warranty in violation of CAL. COM. CODE § 2313.
- Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability in violation of CAL. COM.
   CODE § 2314.
- Breach of Contract/Common Law Warranty.
- Fraud by Concealment.

The Economic Loss Plaintiffs also identify the following proposed Bellwether Commercial Economic Loss Subclasses (the applicable legal claim for each Subclass is violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, CAL. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.):

## a. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass

All persons or entities who, from January 17, 2008 to January 27, 2010, purchased or leased in the State of California the following models and model years: 2007-

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10MY Tundra; 2008-10MY Sequoia; 2005-10MY Avalon; 1 2 2007-10MY Camry; 2009MY Camry HV; 2009-10MY 3 Corolla; 2009-10MY Matrix; 2009-10MY RAV4; and 4 2010MY Highlander. 5 The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass b. 6 All persons or entities who, from December 15, 2005 to 7 8 October 5, 2009, purchased or leased in the State of 9 California the following models and model years: 2007-10 11MY Camry; 2005-10MY Avalon; 2004-09MY Prius; 11 2005-10MY Tacoma; 2007-10MY Tundra; 2007-10MY 12 Lexus ES350; 2006-10MY Lexus IS250/350; 2008-10MY 13 Highlander; 2009-10MY Corolla; 2009-10MY Venza; and 14 15 2009-10MY Corolla Matrix. 16 II. THE PROPOSED BELLWETHER CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 17 The Economic Loss Plaintiffs identify the following proposed Class 18 Representatives for each of the Proposed Bellwether Classes. Each proposed 19 Representative filed his or her suit in the United States District Court for the Central 20 District of California (with one exception), and each is identified in the Second 21 22 Amended Economic Loss Master Consolidated Complaint ("SAMCC") or in 23 associated Complaints.<sup>6</sup> 24 25 <sup>6</sup> Appendix B identifies, for each Proposed Class Representative, the date of his or her complaint, the court in which it was filed, and the cause number of the original 26 action. All cases were filed directly in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, with the exception of the suit filed by Deluxe 27 - 11 -

Discovery is ongoing and may reveal the need to amend the Bellwether Class 1 2 Representative designations, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to alter the mix of 3 proposed Class representation at the time of moving for class certification to conform 4 to facts adduced during the course of discovery. 5 Α. The Proposed Class Representatives for the Proposed Bellwether 6 **Consumer Class and Subclasses** 7 Kathleen Atwater ( $\P^7$  34) 8 Dale Baldisserri (¶ 35) 9 Karina Brazdys (¶ 39) 10 Joseph Hauter (¶ 52) 11 12 Dr. Aly & Lucinda Mahmoud (¶ 109) 13 John Moscicki (¶ 113) 14 Peggie Perkin (¶ 59) 15 Thomas F. & Catherine A. Roe (¶ 62) 16 Janette & Tully Seymour (¶ 64) 17

Linda Tang (¶ 125)

Carol Danziger

Vuin Edward Epps

Ziva Goldstein

Holdings, Inc., which was originally filed in Los Angeles Superior Court and removed to the Central District. Because all of the Plaintiffs named herein filed suit here in the Central District of California (or, in the case of Deluxe Holdings, Inc., in State court in this District), there are no *Lexecon* concerns, and the trial of these claims may proceed in this Court.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "¶" references paragraphs in the SAMCC.

1			Tom Gudmundson	
2			Linda Savoy	
3		Elizabeth Van Zyl (¶ 66)		
4			Rocco & Bridie Doino (¶ 44)	
5 6			John & Mary Laidlaw (¶ 56)	
7			Ada Morales	
8			Judy Veitz	
9		The	Proposed Class Representatives for the Proposed Bellwether Consumer	
10	Subc	lasses		
11			1. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass: Kathleen Atwater, Dale	
12		Bald	lisseri, Joseph Hauter, Carol Danziger, Vuin Edward Epps, Linda Savoy	
13	and Ada Morales.			
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			2. The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass: Dale Baldisseri, Karina	
16	Brazdys, Joseph Hauter, Linda Tang, John Moscicki, Vuin Edward Epps, Linda			
17		Savo	by, Elizabeth Van Zyl and Ada Morales.	
18 19	В.		Proposed Class Representatives for the Proposed Alternative wether Consumer Classes	
20		1.	The Proposed Bellwether California Class Representatives	
21			Kathleen Atwater (¶34)	
22			Dale Baldisserri (¶ 35)	
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>			Karina Brazdys (¶ 39)	
25			Joseph Hauter (¶ 52)	
26			Dr. Aly & Lucinda Mahmoud (¶ 109)	
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1	John Moscicki (¶ 113)		
2	Peggie Perkin (¶ 59)		
3	Thomas F. & Catherine A. Roe (¶ 62)		
4	Janette & Tully Seymour (¶ 64)		
5	Linda Tang (¶ 125)		
7	The Proposed Class Representatives for the Proposed Bellwether California		
8	Consumer Subclasses are:		
9	1. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass: Kathleen Atwater, Dale		
10	Baldisseri and Joseph Hauter.		
11	2. The Pedal Entrapment TREAD Act Subclass: Dale Baldisseri, Karina		
12	Brazdys, Joseph Hauter, Linda Tang and John Moscicki.		
13	2. The Proposed Bellwether Florida Class Representatives		
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15	Carol Danziger		
16	Vuin Edward Epps		
17	Ziva Goldstein		
18 19	Tom Gudmundson		
20	Linda Savoy		
$\begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$	Elizabeth Van Zyl (¶ 66)		
22	The Proposed Class Representatives for the Proposed Bellwether Florida		
23	Consumer Subclasses are:		
24	1. The Sticky Pedal TREAD Act Subclass: Carol Danziger, Vuin Edward		
25	Epps and Linda Savoy.		
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1		2. The Pedal Entrap	oment TREAD Act Subclass: Vuin Edward Epps,	
2	Linda Savoy and Elizabeth Van Zyl.			
3	3. The Proposed Bellwether New York Class Representatives			
4	Rocco & Bridie Doino (¶ 44)			
5		John & Mary Laidla	w (¶ 56)	
6 7		Ada Morales		
8		Judy Veitz		
9	C.	-	Commercial Economic Loss Class	
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11		Green Spot Motors Co. (¶	74)	
12		Deluxe Holdings Inc. (¶ 85		
13	Both of these proposed Class Representatives are also proposed to represen			
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### **APPENDIX A: IDENTIFICATION OF RELEVANT TOYOTA VEHICLES**

The following Toyota vehicles and model years are included in the Proposed Classes and are identified in Paragraph 137 of the SAMCC:

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6	Toyota Vehicles	
7	2001 – 2010	4Runner
8	2005 – 2010	Avalon
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10	2002 – 2010	Camry
11	2007 – 2010	Camry HV
12	2003 – 2005	Celica (2ZZ-GE Engine)
13	2005 – 2010	Corolla (1ZZ-FE, 2AZ-FE, 2ZR-FE)
14	2007 – 2010	FJ Cruiser
15 16	2004 – 2010	Highlander
17	2006 – 2010	Highlander HV
18	1998 – 2010	Land Cruiser
19	2005 – 2010	Matrix (2AZ-FE, 2ZR-FE, 1ZZ-FE (Not 4WD))
20	2001 – 2010	Prius
21	2004 – 2010	Rav4
22	2001 – 2010	Sequoia
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24	2004 – 2010	Sienna
25	2002 – 2008	Solara
26	2003 – 2004	Tacoma (5VZ-FE except Sport Model)
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1	2005 - 2010	Tacoma
2	2000 – 2010	Tundra (not including the 2000-2002 with 5VZ-FE)
3	2009 – 2010	Venza
4	2004 – 2010	Yaris
5	<u>Lexus Vehicles</u>	
6	2002 – 2003	ES300
7 8	2004 – 2006	ES330
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	2007 – 2010	ES350
10 11	1998 – 2006	GS300
12	2007 – 2010	GS350
13	1998 – 2000	GS400
14	2001 – 2007	GS430
15	2007 – 2010	GS450h
16	2008 – 2010	GS460
17	2003 – 2009	GX470
18	2010	HS250h
19	2008 – 2010	IS F
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21		IS250
22	2010	IS250c
23	2001 – 2005	IS300
24	2006 – 2010	IS350
25	2010	IS350c
26	1999 – 2000	IS400
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2	2001 – 2006	LS430
3	2007 – 2010	LS460
4	2008 – 2010	LS600h
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6	1998 – 2007	LX470
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8	2004 – 2006	RX330
9	2007 – 2010	RX350
10	2006 – 2008	RX400h
11	2010	RX450h
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13 14	1998 – 2000	SC400
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## APPENDIX B: IDENTIFICATION OF THE INITIAL COMPLAINTS FILED BY EACH PROPOSED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Proposed Representative	Date of Initial Complaint	Court in Which Initial Complaint Filed	Cause Number
Kathleen Atwater	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Dale Baldisserri	12/22/09	C.D. Cal.	09-cv-09386-JVS-FMO
Karina Brazdys	10/27/11	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Joseph Hauter	01/22/11	C.D. Cal.	10-cv-00105-JVS-FMO
Dr. Aly & Lucinda Mahmoud	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
John Moscicki	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Peggie Perkin	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Thomas F. & Catherine A. Roe	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Janette & Tully Seymour	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
Linda Tang	03/17/11	C.D. Cal.	10-cv-01939-JVS-FMO
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Linda Savoy	09/20/11	C.D. Cal.	11-cv-07778 VBF (PJWx)
Elizabeth Van Zyl	03/24/10	C.D. Cal.	10-cv-02147-JVS-FMO
Rocco & Bridie Doino	10/27/10	C.D. Cal.	10-ml-02151-JVS-FMO
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